



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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## **Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack And Mayor Jim Sottile Celebrate Archives Week & The Bluestone Festival**

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack and City of Kingston Mayor Jim Sottile announce a collaborative effort with the Kingston Library to celebrate Archives Week in New York State, October 8 through October 14, 2006 and the Bluestone Festival, October 8, 2006 Noon to 6PM at the T. R. Gallo Park, Rondout Waterfront.

Archives Week is an annual weeklong observance of the importance of archival and historical records and is celebrated throughout the State by historical societies, libraries, local governments and museums to increase awareness of the relevance of archives to modern life. The Bluestone Festival observes Kingston's place as the main exporter of bluestone in the nation during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and is managed by the Art Society of Kingston and sponsored by NYS Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Friends of Rondout, Friends of Historic Kingston, AOH and the Rondout Business Association.

The celebration includes an exhibit at the Kingston Library titled "The Bluestone Industry: Once Upon A Time" which will feature copies of archival records filed with the County Clerk's Office. The exhibit will compare two periods of the bluestone industry; its peak c.1855 and its decline in c.1905.

On Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a Press Conference at the Kingston Library where Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack and Mayor Jim Sottile will officially open the exhibit.

Records displayed will include:

- Samples of 1855 and 1905 New York State census for the First Election District of the Town of Saugerties;
- 1875 Beers Atlas illustrations, statistics and maps;
- 1899 Certificate of Incorporation of the Hudson River Bluestone Co. Rondout, Kingston;
- 1864 Certificate of Incorporation for the Bigelow Bluestone Company Co. Malden in the Town of Saugerties;
- 1896 Illustration of John Maxwell, owner of the Bigelow Bluestone Co. from the Commemorative Biographical Record of Ulster County;
- 1909-1910 Testimony of expert witnesses in Supreme Court claims against the NYC Board of Water Supply by The Ulster & Delaware Bluestone Company and Oliver Yale.

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The records will be on display through October 31, 2006 and open to the public during the Library's normal business hours.

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack and Mayor Jim Sottile encourage the public to join them in the celebration by visiting the exhibit at the Library and the Bluestone Festival at T. R. Gallo Park.

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